

In the ever-changing world of higher education, it is more important than ever to share experiences and collaborate on a broader scale for the betterment of students and staff. In order to impact change, faculty, staff, and administrators must be aware of cultural differences, socioeconomic backgrounds, and other dissimilarities that impact the work and learning environment.

This workshop will provide insights on diverse populations, discuss various identities, and provide strategies to ensure success. Additionally, the workshop will provide the opportunity for participants to learn more about their own cultural competencies and how to promote equity within a diverse environment.



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